



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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#### INTERIOR ANNOUNCES RECODIFICATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

A proposed general revision and simplification of fish and wildlife regulations will be carried in an early issue of the Federal Register, the Department of the Interior has announced. There will be no substantial changes in the intent and policies of the present regulations.

The current volume of the regulations, officially known as Title 50--Wildlife, of the Code of Federal Regulations, was published in 1949. It has been amended many times. The purpose of the revision is to incorporate these amendments into the body of the regulations, to clarify them, and to present the regulations in less legalistic language in a form which will be helpful to the general public and management.

The chapter contents will be rearranged in accordance with the reorganization of the Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956. The title heading will be redesignated Title 50--Fisheries and Wildlife. Chapter I will be retitled Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and contain the regulations administered by that Bureau. Chapter II will be retitled Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and will contain the regulations pertinent to that field of work. Chapter III--International Regulatory Agencies (Fishing and Whaling) will continue to be administered by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

In recognition of the diminished responsibilities of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska, brought about by the Alaska Statehood Act, several regulations pertaining to commercial fishing, and hunting and fishing on lands now under State jurisdiction will be revoked.

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